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ROAD CONSTRUCTION
CAMBODIA/LAOS BORDER AREA
1427N 10623E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SECTION OF A
NEW ROAD IN CAMBODIA AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BAN SAN KEO AIRFIELD (BE



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2. LOCATION:

THE AREA DEPICTED ON THIS GRAPHIC IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 19 NM
NORTH OF SIEM PANG, CAMBODIA, ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE TONLE KONG (RIVER),
KNOWN AS THE SE KONG IN LAOS. THE RIVER AT THIS POINT IS THE BOUNDARY
BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND LAOS.

3. BACKGROUND/COLLATERAL:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD, WHEN USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH NPIC BRIEFING
BOARDS K-7520, K-7579, K-7580, L-1025, L-1026, AND L-1037, DEPICTS
VARIOUS STAGES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD THAT EXTENDS GENERALLY
NORTH AND NORTHEAST, ALONG THE EAST BANK OF THE TONLE KONG, FROM
CAMBODIA ROUTE 15 TO THE CAMBODIA/LAOS BORDER. THE ROAD, DESIGNATED
AS ROUTE 110 IN LAOS, EXTENDS NORTH AND EAST TO LAOS ROUTE 96, AND THEN
SOUTHEAST TO ITS TERMINUS 1.5 NM NORTH OF THE CAMBODIA BORDER, NEAR
THE TRI-BORDER AREA OF LAOS, CAMBODIA, AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

THIS ROAD SYSTEM, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE "SIHANOUK TRAIL",

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WAS FIRST OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF SIEM PANG, CAMBODIA, ON

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] THE COMPLETED ALIGNMENT, INCLUDING

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LAOS ROUTE 110, WAS OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE INITIAL
CLEARING OPERATIONS FOR THE ROAD; THE COMPLETED ROAD WAS OBSERVED
JUST SOUTH OF BAN SAN KEO AIRFIELD ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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RUNWAY RESURFACING HAS BEEN INITIATED AT BAN SAN KEO AIRFIELD
ON THE [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY, AND IS OBSERVED ON ALMOST THE
FULL LENGTH OF THE RUNWAY ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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ALSO NOTED ON THIS DATE ARE MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT NEAR DON FAI
ISLAND. LARGE NUMBERS OF THESE CRAFT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN OBSERVED
ON THE TONLE KONG, FROM SIEM PANG TO THE AREA NORTH OF BAN SAN KEO
AIRFIELD.

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